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was comparatively small, the secondary recoveries are the only important domestic source of supply. The production of tin from ore mined in the United States is negligible, so that the secondary recoveries constitute practically the sole domestic supply. The use of old tin cans as a source of tin was not extended. The cost of collecting, transportation charges and inability to dispose of the old black plate from which the tin is wholly or partly removed are the principal reasons given why more old tin cans are not utilized.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE daily papers state that there will be established at Ragland, Ala., an industrial school for white children by the Southern Board of Education with funds amounting to \$5,000,000 to be given by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, the Russell Sage Foundation, Mrs. E. H. Harriman and others. Ragland offered 5,000 acres for the site, 200 lots in town, water power and other considerations.

DR. S. N. KOLACEOSKIJ, who died recently, bequeathed all his property, estimated at 40,000,000 rubles, for the establishment, in southern Russia, of an agricultural academy.

CONCRETE foundations have been completed for Rand Hall, the new Sibley shop building, of Cornell University, and steel for the framework is arriving on the premises.

As previously announced, the inauguration of Dr. Guy Potter Benton as president of the University of Vermont will take place on the fifth and sixth of October. Following the general plan already given, the formal inauguration exercises will take place on the second day. The first day will be given to a conference between colleges and secondary schools on the subject, "College Requirements and the Secondary Curriculum."

CARBON GILLASPIE, M.D. (Colorado), has been appointed professor of anatomy in the University of Colorado. Since 1909 Dr. Gillaspie has been instructor in this department. He will give all his time to teaching.

MR. WILLIAM J. MCCAUGHEY, mineralogist and petrographer of the U. S. Bureau of Soils,

has been appointed as assistant professor in metallurgy and mineralogy in the Ohio State University.

P. F. GAHR, Ph.D. (Cornell), formerly of Robert College, Constantinople, has been appointed professor of physics at Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.

ADDITIONS to the faculty of the Agricultural College of Utah for the year 1911-12 are as follows: E. G. Titus, Sc.D. (Harvard), professor of entomology; F. L. West, Ph.D. (Chicago), professor of physics; Elmer G. Peterson, A.M., Ph.D. (Cornell), professor of bacteriology; F. S. Harris, Ph.D. (Cornell), professor of agronomy; C. N. Jensen, M.S.A. (Cornell), professor of botany and plant pathology; J. E. Greaves, Ph.D. (California), associate professor of chemistry; and W. E. Carroll, M.S. (Illinois), assistant professor of animal husbandry. J. C. Hogenson has been transferred from college work to the extension division as agronomist. The extension division has been enlarged further by employing Miss Hazel Love Dunford for work in home economics.

DR. A. N. WHITEHEAD, F.R.S., fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, has been appointed to succeed Mr. E. Cunningham, as lecturer in the department of applied mathematics and mechanics in the University College, London.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### MOISTURE AND OUT-OF-DOORS

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: This being the deadest time of the year, when nobody reads SCIENCE, and the post-office refuses to send it after one, I am emboldened to take my pen in hand. The two very clear letters by Messrs. Mott-Smith and Wilson, in answer to Dr. L. H. Gulick's query regarding moisture in the air, together with those of Messrs. Kent, Crowell and Jones in the issue of March 31, leave little or nothing to be said on the subject. What I wish to emphasize is the feeling of shock that I experienced when a medical man of the standing of Dr. Gulick could ask such questions in good faith, when, as has been said, the answers to them can be